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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ESTC, FR, GW, KN, EG
SUBJ: PROBABLE DIVERSION OF DIGITAL EQUIPMENT COMPUTER
TO NORTH KOREA

1. EMBASSY EDO LEARNED FOLLOWING FROM REPRESENTATIVE OF FRENCH COMPUTER FIRM WHO ASKED THAT HE BE PROTECTED AS SOURCE. A DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CO. (U.S.) COMPUTER, POSSIBLY MODEL PET-11 WITH AN "ARRAY PROCESSOR," WILL BE DIVERTED TO NORTH KOREA VIA EGYPT. SHIPMENT WILL ORIGINATE IN WEST GERMANY WITH FIRM PRAKLA-SEIFMOS (BELIEVED LOCATED IN HAMBURG), WHICH WILL SHIP COMPUTER TO SUBSIDIARY IN EGYPT. SUBSIDIARY WILL THEN RE-EXPORT COMPUTER TO NORTH KOREA. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SOURCE INDICATES THAT COMPUTER IS PROBABLY STILL IN WEST GERMANY. END USE IN NORTH KOREA WILL BE SEISMIC APPLICATIONS FOR PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.

2. SOURCE EXPLAINED FURTHER THAT ABOVE INFORMATION WAS INTENTIONALLY BEING PASSED TO USG FOR PURPOSES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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BLOCKING DIGITAL EQUIPMENT COMPUTER SHIPMENT IN ORDER THAT ANOTHER COMPANY, POSSIBLY CII-HONEYWELL OR OTHER FRENCH COMPANY, MIGHT OBTAIN NORTH KOREAN CONTRACT INSTEAD, AND WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO USDOC CONTROLS. EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CORROBORATE THIS INFORMATION AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CAUTION BE EXERCISED REGARDING ITS VALIDITY BECAUSE OF

OBVIOUS ULTERIOR MOTIVES INVOLVED AND PARTICULAR FRENCH
SENSITIVITY REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF ITS ELECTRONICS
AND COMPUTER INDUSTRIES.
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